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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

LAWRENCE STERN REPORTS ON A PROPOSAL BY CIA DIRECTOR COLBY WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO DISCLOSE INTELLIGENCE SECRETS. THE PROPOSAL IS IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947. (A-1)

MURREY MARDER'S ARTICLE CONVEYS A CONVERSATION WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL (ACCORDING TO THE GROUND RULES) ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE. THE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION RANGED FROM YOUR CLASH WITH SENATOR JACKSON OVER "LOOPHOLES" TO THE EFFECTS OF WATERGATE ON THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL STATED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A PERMANENT NUCLEAR STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION ACCORD TO EMERGE FROM THIS SUMMIT MEETING. RUMOR HAS IT THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW SOME TIME AFTER THE SUMMIT TALKS FOR ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. (A-16)

AN EDITORIAL RECOMMENDS THAT ISRAEL SEEK A NEW APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINIAN TERROR. RATHER THAN A POLICY OF RETALIATION -- WHICH DOES NOT WORK -- A POLICY FORCING THE PLO TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING THE GUERRILLAS SHOULD BE ADOPTED. THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE PLO TO RUN A SUBADMINISTRATION IN "FATAH-LAND" AND HALT CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS INTO ISRAEL. BY ACCEPTING THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THE PLO WOULD GAIN POINTS WITH WORLD OPINION WITH RESPECT TO ACHIEVING AUTONOMY. (A-19)

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER PERES MET WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO PRESENT ISRAEL'S SHOPPING LIST FOR THE EXTENDED MILITARY AID PROGRAM PROMISED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE AID BILL TOTALS \$7.5 BILLION. F-14S, 15S, 16S, AND 17S ARE HIGH ON THE LIST OF PRIORITIES. (A-21)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

AL FATAH, THE LARGEST AND MOST MODERATE OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS, SAID IN BAGHDAD THAT IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMANDO OPERATION IN NAHARIYA IN NORTHERN ISRAEL. BECAUSE FATAH HAS NEVER BEFORE OPENLY CLAIMED SUCH RESPONSIBILITY, THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SEEN AS A SIGN THAT LIKE THE MORE RADICAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS, IT WILL OPENLY MAINTAIN PRESSURE BY ARMED ATTACKS

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ON ISRAEL. (A-1)

PRESIDENT NIXON, ON ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS TO CONFER WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS BEFORE HEADING FOR HIS SUMMIT MEETING IN MOSCOW WITH LEONID BREZHNEV, HAILED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE BRUSSELS MEETING WOULD GIVE NEW PURPOSE TO AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HE PRAISED AS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF EUROPEAN PEACE SINCE 1949.

(A-1)

THE U.S. RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR FROM THE SUDAN BECAUSE OF THAT COUNTRY'S "VIRTUAL RELEASE OF CONFESSED MURDERERS" OF TWO SENIOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND ONE BELGIAN IN 1973. (A-1)

THE SOVIET UNION HAS SENT ITS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR OF BORDER ISSUES WITH CHINA TO PEKING IN AN EFFORT TO REVIVE THE LONG-STALLED TALKS. (A-16)

THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. EXPORT SURPLUS OF APRIL HAD CHANGED TO A TRADE DEFICIT OF \$777 MILLION IN MAY, THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD. (A-5)

LESLIE GELB WRITES A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF YOUR DEBATE WITH SENATOR JACKSON, WHICH APPEARS TO BE BASED UPON MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TECHNICALITIES CONNECTED WITH THE 1972 MISSILE LIMITATION AGREEMENT. BUT, HE SAYS, BELOW THE ARGUMENT OVER THE ISSUES WAS A DEEPER PHILOSOPHICAL AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN YOU AND SENATOR JACKSON ON HOW TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. (A-2)

AN EDITORIAL ON PAGE A-38 DISCUSSES THE PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY AND STATES THAT THIS THIRD SUMMIT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ITS MOMENTUM OF DETENTE. THE AUTHORS BELIEVE THE MEETING IS UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE SPECTACULAR NEW PROGRESS, BUT RATHER IT WILL CONSOLIDATE THE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS THUS FAR BEEN ACHIEVED. THE AUTHORS CONCLUDE BY SAYING THE MEETING WILL BE MORE OR LESS A ROUTINE ENCOUNTER.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS THOROUGHLY REASSESSED THE PROSPECTS FOR EAST-WEST DETENTE AND COME UP WITH A MUCH MORE HARDHEADED APPROACH. SOURCES SAY MOSCOW'S COMMITMENT TO SEEKING RAPPROACHMENT WITH THE WEST, PARTICULARLY WASHINGTON, HAS NOT DIMINISHED, BUT A NEW SOBERNESS HAS REPLACED THE EUPHORIA THAT FOLLOWED THE 1972 AND 1973 SUMMIT MEETINGS. GROMYKO NOW TALKS ABOUT THE SERIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT "RIGHTIST FORCES" MAY REVERSE WASHINGTON'S PRESENT POLICIES, THAT AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO DETENTE MAY BE REVOKED, AND THAT THERMONUCLEAR WAR REMAINS POSSIBLE. (A-1)

SENATOR MONTOYA HAS ASKED THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET HOW THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO PAY FOR THE \$2 MILLION HELICOPTER GIVEN TO PRESIDENT SADAT BY THE PRESIDENT.

GILBERT LEWTHWAITE SAYS MOST OF THE MAJOR LEADERS AT THE NATO SIGNING TODAY WILL HAVE MORE ON THEIR MINDS THAN THE FUTURE OF NATO. HE SAYS THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH LEADERS FROM BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND WEST GERMANY, WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS. (A-4)

THERE IS A PHOTO OF YOU AND THE PRESIDENT ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

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ON PAGE A-2.

JAMES SCHLESINGER TOLD THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT UNDER EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL DIVERT NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS TO WEAPON PRODUCTION "IS LOW." "BUT IF THE SAFEGUARDS ARE DELIBERATELY FLOUTED, THERE IS A RISK." (A-5)

A SUN EDITORIAL SAYS THE PRESIDENT AND YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DILEMMA ON THE RUSSIAN TRIP. ON ONE HAND, YOU MUST FOR POLITICAL REASONS AROUSE A DEGREE OF PUBLIC EXPECTATION SO THE PRESIDENT, UPON HIS RETURN, CAN PROCLAIM DEFINITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU MUST PROCEED WITH A CAUTION PROPER TO THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION. THE EDITORIAL NOTES YOUR CAUTIONARY REMARKS OF NOT PREDICTING ANY COMPREHENSIVE ARMS AGREEMENT, BUT FOR AN AGREEMENT "IN PRINCIPLE" ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THE EDITORIAL SAYS IT IS TROUBLED BY THE PRESIDENT'S PERSISTENCE IN TRYING TO MAKE THE WHOLE AFFAIR SO INTENSELY PERSONAL -- A MISSION OF THE "PRESIDENCY" AS PARTICULARLY EMBODIED IN HIMSELF -- AS IF "WITHOUT RICHARD NIXON IN OFFICE" NONE OF THE MOMENTUM HE HAS SO COMMENDABLY INITIATED COULD POSSIBLY GO ON. BUT, THE ATTITUDE OF THE RUSSIANS SEEMS THAT THEY WANT STABLE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THAT ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON TEMPORARY CONSIDERATIONS. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S "PERSONAL PRESIDENCY" IS ONE OF THE TEMPORARY CONSIDERATIONS. THE POINT THE EDITORIAL SAYS IT IS TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE BANKING LESS ON THIS ONE SUMMIT MEETING THAN THE PRESIDENT, DESPITE YOUR CAUTIONS, IS BANKING ON IT. (A-14)

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